# CHICAGO AREA FOLK DANCE SCENE 2015-2016

This printable directory is prepared with the hope that all those interested in participating in traditional dancing can find types that suit their abilities, locations and schedules, and that group leaders can make this list available dancers who might be seeking additional types of dancing to try. The groups in the day-by-day listings welcome newcomers. In some cases fees are waived for first-timers. The "other ongoing" list is a mix of classes and performance groups. The most recent date when information was confirmed is given at the end of each listing. The editor cannot guarantee that the listing is up to date, so it is advisable to call or email to verify times and locations of all events.

### SUNDAY

BALKAN BASICS Dance Class & Ensemble Balkanske Igre rehearsals, Sundays, 11am-1pm, 6069 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago. \$5 donation toward room rental. Balkan Basics dance class open to the public; no partners or experience necessary; all levels from beginner to expert are welcome. Ensemble rehearsal by invitation only. Info: 847-858-9822, 847-331-7842, or balkanske\_igre@yahoo.com (8/15)

BARN DANCE: 2nd Sun of the month (Sept-June), 6:30 pm; and 3rd Sun of the month (Nov-Apr), 2pm; Chicago Barn Dance Company, varied bands and callers; Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab, between Warrenville and Batavia; \$6 adults, \$3 teens & seniors (65), under 12 free. Co-sponsored by Fermilab Folk Club and Fox Valley Folklore Society. Info: Juel Ulven 630-897-3655, Lynn Garren 630-840-2061, juelu@aol.com, garren@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkclub; www.foxvalleyfolk.com; www.chicagobarndance.org (8/15)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING AT FERMILAB: once a month on Sunday, 2-5 pm, 1 pm for experienced dancers) Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab, between Warrenville and Batavia; donation. No partner necessary. All dances taught. Live music every 2nd or 3rd time by Old Fezziwig's Band. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkdance/english/; part of Chicagoland English Country Dancers, ChicagolandECD.org and Facebook group (8/15)

ISLA PACIFIKA: Hawaiian, Tahitian, and Chamorro dance, adults 10 -11-15 am, children 11:15am-12pm; 3935 Devon Ave, Chicago. Also performing group. Info: islapacifika@gmail.com; www.islapacifika.com (8/15)

LOCH MICHIGAN SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS: 6-8:30 pm; Bethany United Church of Christ Hall, 4245 N Paulina, Chicago, (1 block S of Montrose, & 1 block W of Ashland). Classes and social dancing, no partner required, occasional live music. RSCDS Chicago Branch class. Donation. Sept-May. Call by 5 pm to verify meeting before coming. Info: Noel Chavez 708-848-9218, noelchavez718@gmail.com; Chicago Branch Web site: http://rscds-chicago.org; Facebook group: Scottish Country Dance Chicago - RSCDS Branch (8/15)

PULLMAN MORRIS AND SWORD 7 pm, weekly practice, far South Side neighborhood of Pullman in Chicago. A mixed Morris side. Info: Meg Dedolph, 773-960-9364, meg.dedolph@gmail.com (8/15)

SCANDINAVIAN TURNING DANCE CLASSES: 6-~9 pm; St Luke Presbyterian Church, 3910 Highland Ave, Downers Grove, except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, when held at St. Paul's UCC, 5739 Dunham Rd, Downers Grove; \$6/class. Basics 6pm, intermediate class follows. Evening includes classes, live music, a snack break, and social dancing. Taught by Roo Lester. No previous experience or partner required. Hard soled shoes strongly encouraged. Generally meets Sept-May. Call to check exact schedule. Info: Roo Lester 630-985-7192, DancingRoo@aol.com (9/15)

# MONDAY

ISRAELI DANCING IN NAPERVILLE: 7-8:45pm; Congregation Beth Shalom Social Hall, 772 West 5th Avenue, Naperville; \$1 suggested donation. Led by Brian Toby. Open to public, but people interested in dancing should call or e-mail prior to coming. Info: 630-327-8426, bhtoby@comcast.net (8/15)

CHICAGO BARN DANCE CO: 7-9:40pm; Irish American Heritage Center, 4264 N. Knox, Chicago; \$7/\$5. Contras, squares, featuring live music and instruction. Info: 224-534-9173, info@ChicagoBarnDance.org; www.chicagobarndance.org (8/15)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING IN OAK PARK: Usually 3rd Monday each month, 7-10 pm; Nineteenth Century Club Ballroom, 178 Forest Ave, Oak Park. \$10 adults/\$5 students & seniors, proceeds benefit Nineteenth Century Charitable Assoc. Scholarship Fund. Frequent live music. Info: Randi Woodworth 708-524-9322; dancing@nineteenthcentury.org; www.nineteenthcentury.org; ChicagolandECD.org; Facebook group: Chicagoland English Country Dancers (8/15)

EVANSTON MONDAY NIGHT FOLKDANCERS: 7:30-10:30pm; Lake St Church, 607 Lake St (corner of Lake St. & Chicago Ave), Evanston (entrance through courtyard on Chicago Ave); \$5. Beginners welcome, teaching between 8-9pm. Annual Events: Regional Potluck Folkdance party in fall and Out of the Woodwork Party in December (see website for dates). Info: Michael Goff 847-867-8964; emnfdancers@gmail.com; www.EvanstonFolkDance.org (8/15)

IRISH SET DANCING: 7:30 pm; Gaelic Park, 6119 W 147th St, Oak Forest; \$3. Info: Terry Carmody 708-738-3003, http://chicagogaelicpark.org/cultural-center/dancemusic/set-dancing/ (8/14)

SOUTH SUBURBAN INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: 7:30-9:30 pm, St Andrew Church, 18850 Riegel Rd, Homewood; \$3. Call to verify meeting. Info: Jill Carlson 708-748-5108, angelajillcarlson@hotmail.com (8/15)

## **TUESDAY**

HYDE PARK FOLK DANCERS:  $2^{nd}$ ,  $4^{th}$ , & 5th Tuesdays of the month 8-10pm; Quaker House, 5615 S Woodlawn; Suggested donation \$5 /\$3 full time students. Call to verify meeting. Info: Mike Grethen 773-241-5834, mcgrethen@gmail.com (8/13)

IRISH SET DANCING: 7:30-9:30pm; Room 111, Irish American Heritage Ctr, 4626 N Knox, Chicago; \$5 suggested donation. Info: 773-282-7035x10; annodonnell2376@sbcglobal.net (8/13)

IRISH CEILI DANCING: 7-9pm; Gaelic Park, 6119 W 147<sup>th</sup> St, Oak Forest; \$2. Info: Mary Carmody 708-424-3035 or Donna Killen 773-233-4490, http://chicagogaelicpark.org/cultural-center/dancemusic/ceili-dancing/ (8/14)

MORRIS OLD TIME DANCES: 4th Tues of the month (2nd Tues in Nov and Dec), 7-9:30pm, Peace Lutheran Church, 101 Candlelight Lane, Morris, IL; \$6 suggested donation for adults (children free). Beginners welcome. Recorded or live music. Info: 630-780-2754, dansaathoff@comcast.net; visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MorrisOldTimeDance and join the group to receive regular email reminders (8/15)

ROKDIM CHICAGO: 7:15-11pm, Meyer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St, Skokie, 847-763-3500. All levels welcome; teaching for beginner and intermediate followed by open dancing; \$10. Info: Bruria 773-454-7709, Yoram 847-732-7899, rokdimchicago@gmail.com;www.gojcc.org (8/15)

SILK & THISTLE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING: 7:30-10pm; Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab; donation. Summer A/C location: Ramsey Auditorium in Fermilab Wilson Hall High Rise. RSCDS Chicago Branch class. Occasional live music. Beginners always welcome. Info: Doug Jensen 630-232-9089, Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/scottishdance/; Facebook group: Scottish Country Dance Chicago - RSCDS Branch 10/15)

## WEDNESDAY

DEERFIELD ISRAELI FOLK DANCE GROUP: 7-10pm; in the Wheelroom at Moriah Congregation, 200 Taub Drive, Deerfield; \$5. Led by Jim Rust. Info Moriah 847-948-5340 or Jim Rust 847-492-9393, MJimRust@aol.com (8/15)

ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING IN EVANSTON: Every other week, 8-10 pm (late Aug-June); St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1509 Ridge Ave, Evanston; \$5 (\$3 students). Occasional live music. Info: Tom Senior 847-606-8704, chicagoECD@yahoo.com; part of Chicagoland English Country Dancers, ChicagolandECD.org and Facebook group (8/15)

FOLKDANCE SKOKIE: 8-10pm; Weber Fitness Center, 9300 Weber Park Place (corner Church Street and Gross Point Rd), Skokie; adults \$5/students \$2.50; first session free. Teaching during first hour. Newcomers and children welcome. Snacks provided. Party night on all major holidays. Sponsored by the Skokie Park District. Info: Dit Olshan 847-966-6888, Dit321@aol.com (8/15)

LEIKARRINGEN "HEIMHUG" NORWEGIAN FOLK DANCERS OF CHICAGO: 7:30-9:30 pm (Sept-June); Norwood Crossing (Heritage Room), 6016 N. Nina Ave, Chicago; open practice of performing group. Info: Barbra Kronborg-Mogil 847-823-7596, kronmo815@gmail.com (8/15)

OAK PARK/RIVER FOREST FOLK DANCERS: 7:30-10:30pm; Christ Episcopal Church, 515 Franklin, River Forest; \$6/\$4 age 12 and under/first time free. Info: Edie Spear 224-723-5054, edancemore@comcast.net (8/15)

# THURSDAY

AFTERNOON FOLK DANCING: 2-4pm The Levy Center, 300 Dodge, Evanston, in the exercise room; A/C; \$5. Taught by Edie Spear. Info: Edie Spear 224-723-5054, edancemore@comcast.net (8/15)

CHICAGO ISRAELI DANCING: usually Thursdays 7:30-11:30pm (occasional change due to holidays): Temple Judea Mizpah, 8610 Niles Center Road, Skokie. Beginner and repertoire teaching by Penny Brichta 7:30-8:15; general teaching by Phil Moss 8:15-9; requests 9-11:30. Monthly party the last Thursday of month. \$10 non-party nights/\$11 party. Further info: Phil 847-274-1809; philip\_b\_moss@hotmail.com; Penny 847-256-4379; pjbrichta@hotmail.com. Email Phil to subscribe to newsletter. Facebook group: Chicago Israeli Folk Dancing (8/15)

FERMILAB INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING: 7:30-10pm; Kuhn Village Barn at Fermilab (just N of Batavia Rd on the Fermilab site, near Rt. 59 in Warrenville; enter lab at either gate, ID ready); donation. Summer A/C location: Ramsey Auditorium in Fermilab Wilson Hall High Rise. Beginners & children welcome. Teaching and children's dances early, request dancing later. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, folkdance@fnal.gov; www.fnal.gov/orgs/folkdance/, Facebook group: Fermilab International Folk Dancing (10/15)

NORDIC FOLK DANCERS OF CHICAGO: 7:30-9:30pm; Norwood Park Field House, 5801 N Natoma, Chicago; open practice of performing group. Dances from Scandinavian - Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. Info: Linda Westergren-Muhr 773-685-8851, lwestergrenmuhr@earthlink.net (8/15)

## **FRIDAY**

ARGONNE FOLK DANCE CLUB: 8-10:30pm; St Paul's United Church of Christ, 5739 Dunham Road (corner of Dunham & Jefferson), Downers Grove; \$3. Info: Linda Schub & Jay Wightman 630-393-6565; lindaandjay@comcast.net. There is a blog for the group at http://argonneifd.blogspot.com (8/15)

ETHNIC DANCE CHICAGO: 8-midnight; Chicago Latvian Community Center,4146 N Elston Ave, Chicago - SW corner of Elston (NW Diag) & Hamlin (3800W); LAST Fridays ONLY at 8:30 pm: S.P.A.C.E., 3433 W Peterson (6000N) W of Kimball (3400W), Chicago, \$6/\$5students/\$4 under 12. Info: Paul Collins 847-846-8139, info@ethnicdance.net; www.ethnicdance.net; Facebook group: Ethnic Dance Chicago - Ethnic Dance Network (EDC) (8/15)

EVANSTON SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS: 7:30-9:30pm, Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave, Winnetka; \$5; (Sept-June). Info: Frances Gillan 847-564-2459, sackrag@aol.com (8/14)

IRISH CEILI AND SET DANCING: 7:30 pm instruction, 8-11 pm dance, live music 1st Fri of the month; Fifth Province Room, Irish American Heritage Ctr, 4626 N Knox, Chicago; \$10 1st Fridays, otherwise \$7/\$5 members. Info: 773-262-7035; FridayCeili@gmail.com; http://irish-american.org/index.php/tradition/dance/classes-and-programs (8/14)

## SATURDAY

CONTRA DANCE AT U OF C: 7:30 pm, 1st Saturday, most months; usually Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E 59th St, Chicago; \$8/\$4 students; (Oct – June). Live music. Info: 773-702-9793, chicagodanceweekend@gmail.com; http://fac.uchicago.edu/ (9/15)

QUEER CONTRA DANCE CHICAGO: last Saturday of month, 6:30-9:30pm; Second Unitarian Church, 656 W. Barry, Chicago. Rotating live band and caller. Requested donation of \$10, payable at the door. Info: Stephen Ulrich at 773-809-4728, scu@pobox.com; www.facebook.com/contrachicago (8/15)

#### OTHER ONGOING

## FLAMENCO:

- -- Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, in-residence at Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N St Louis Av, Chicago 60625; classes for adults and children, Tuesday evenings, taught by First Dancers of the professional company; Dame Libby Komaiko, founder and artistic director. General info: 773-442-5930, info@EnsembleEspanol.org; www.ensembleespanol.org; Class info: Josephine Di Cesare 773-442-5916, G-DiCesare@neiu.edu (8/15)
- -- Flamenco Arts Center, 3755 N Western Ave, Chicago. Flamenco, Spanish Classical, Go-Go dancing classes and West African drumming held weekly. Info (including pricing, schedule and instructor contacts): www.flamencoartscenter.com; kathi\_beste@flamencoartscenter.com or 773-583-9392, melody-vasquez@sbcglobal.net (8/15)
- -- Flamenco Chicago, 2914 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago. Group classes and private lessons with most taught by Rosetta Magdalen. All ages welcome: teens through 60+. Info: 773-609-5059, rosetta@flamencochicago.com; www.flamencochicago.com (8/14)

## GREEK FOLK DANCING:

- -- Orpheus Hellenic Folklore Society, 606 Greendale Road, Glenview, IL 60025; classes for adults and youth. Info: 847-657-0958, orpheus@ohfs.org; www.ohfs.org (8/15)
- -- Apollo Dance Troupe, performing group, practice Tuesdays 7:30pm Holy Apostles Church Hall, Westchester. Info: Gregory Kontos 630-585-5637, gkontos@gmail.com; or Ellena Vranas 630-718-1022, horevo60@gmail.com (8/14)
- -- Neolea Hellenic Dancers, Chicago south suburbs. Youth group available for performances. Ongoing youth and adult classes. Info: office@neoleahellenicdancers.com, www.neoleahellenicdancers.com (8/14)

INDIANAPOLIS CONTRA DANCES: Tuesday 7:30pm, Grove House, 1001 Hosbrook Ave., Indianapolis, IN. Also occasional Saturday nights and special events. Gypsy Moon Ball:Oct 24-26, 2014. Info: 317-759-4863; indycontra@gmail.com; www.indycontra.org (8/14)

# IRISH:

- -- Trinity Academy of Irish Dance, 747 N. Church Rd, Elmhurst, IL. Classes in Chicago, Elmhurst, Palatine, and Western Springs. Info: 877-326-2328, cynthia.oblein.trinity@gmail.com; www.trinityirishdancers.com (8/14)
- -- Geraldine Foy, Foy School of Traditional Irish Dance, TCRG, 773-777-3069, 312-720-3069; gfoy@foyirishdancers.com; www.foyirishdancers.com. Classes for children & adults, available for performances (Chicago, Batavia, Des Moines, IA). (8/15)
- -- Barbara McNulty T.C.R.G, traditional and competitive Irish Dance for both youth and adults, including solo, teams and ceili dancing; locations around the Chicago suburban area as well as in Rockford, Galena, and Dubuque Iowa. Info: 224-639-8644; McNultyDancers@aol.com; www.mcnultyirishdancers.com (8/15)
- -- Mullane Healy Godley Irish Dance Academy. Classes in Elmhurst, Edison Park, Chicago. Info: 312-286-7704; mully31@aol.com, www.mullanehealyobrien.com (8/14)

#### MEXICAN DANCE:

- -- Ballet Folklorico Huehuecoyotl, 1700 Spartan Dr, Elgin, IL 60123. Children and adults. Info: 847-612-8300, www.bfh.org (8/14)
- -- Mexican Dance Ensemble, Studio located at 5824 W Roosevelt Ave. Chicago IL; traditional Mexican Dances (known as Folkloric), classes for all ages. Director: Samuel Cortez. Info: 312-259-9838, sam@mdechicago.org; www.mdechicago.com, www.mdejr.org (8/14)

## NEAR EAST DANCE AND BELLY DANCING:

- -- Pure Raks with Jasmin Jahal, classes in various locations in Chicago, Niles and Oak Park. Info: 773-777-4037, JasminJahal@hotmail.com; www.PureRaks.com (8/15)
- -- Raksanna Larcher, classes in Middle Eastern dance and belly dance in Naperville, Joliet and Sugar Grove, also performing troupe and private lessons. Info: 630-689-3611, raksanna@raksanna.com, www.raksanna.com (8/15)

OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC DANCE CLASSES: 4544 N Lincoln Ave and 909 W Armitage, Chicago. Variety of world dance classes offered year-round, in 8-week sessions; 773-728-6000; www.oldtownschool.org/classes/adults/dance/world/ (8/15)

## SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DANCING:

- --Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers Classes in North Riverside, Glen Ellyn, and Highwood for ages 4 adult. Info: Nancy Strolle, 630 967-8623, thhd@comcast.net, www.thistleandheatherhighlanddancers.com (8/15)
- -- Gillan School of Highland Dancing and Cas Dannsa performing group, Winnetka and Chicago, 847-372-8513, Casdannsa1@aol.com (8/14)

SERBIAN FOLK DANCING: Sloboda Serbian Adult Folklore Group, performing group, practice Friday night 8-10 pm; 5782 N Elston Ave (1 block north of Central), Chicago 60646. Info: Nikola Krcadinac 630-290-2813 or 630-240-1365, Slobodafolk@gmail.com; www.slobodafolk.org (8/14)

SQUARE DANCE: Information for all Chicago area square dance lessons and dances can be found at the Metropolitan Chicago Association of Square Dancers website: www.squaredancechicago.com. Also, Batavia B&B 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, Fox Valley Mixers, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Baker Community Center, 101 S 2nd St, St. Charles. Info: Jan Morse 847-909-8064, janmorse@sbcglobal.net; www.foxvalleymixers.org. (8/15)

FOLK DANCE CD'S, TAPES, BOOKS, ETHNIC CLOTHING, ETC: Joan Amsterdam, International Folk Rhythms, Ltd., P.O. Box 1402, Northbrook, IL 60065; 847-564-2880; (8/15)

## LOCAL YEARLY EVENTS

HARVEST MOON DANCE WEEKEND, October 16-18, 2015, in St. Charles and Chicago. English country dance weekend with Bare Necessities. Sponsored by Chicagoland English Country Dancers, ChicagolandECD.org, chicagolandECD@gmail.com, 630-584-0825 (8/15)

BREAKING UP THANKSGIVING, November 27-28, 2015, Lake Street Church, 607 Lake Street, Evanston. www.breakingupthanksgiving.com (8/15)

FOLK BALL FESTIVAL at Union South in Madison, WI, January 29-31, 2016, with Carol Silverman and others. Info: Michael Kuharski 608-241-3655, mk@mailbag.com, www.madfolkdance.org/folkball (8/15)

51st ANNIVERSARY SPRING FESTIVAL, March 18-20, 2016, International House at the University of Chicago, 1414 E 59th St, Chicago. Workshops, concert, culture sessions with masters teachers and artists in the dance, songs, and music of the Balkans/Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean. Info: Galia Kuo 847-858-9822, 847-331-7842 or balkanske\_igre@yahoo.com (9/15)

UNVERSITY OF CHICAGO CONTRA DANCE WEEKEND April 1-3, 2016. Music by Great Bear Trio. Info: 773-702-9793, chicagodanceweekend@gmail.com; http://fac.uchicago.edu/ (9/15)

REGIONAL "JUNE CAMP", a Midwest regional workshop weekend usually the weekend following Memorial Day at Beloit College in Beloit, WI. Info: Mady Newfield 630-584-0825, junecampifd@gmail.com; http://junecampifd.googlepages.com. (8/15)

DOOR COUNTY FOLK FESTIVAL - July 6-10, 2016, in Sister Bay and Ephraim, WI. Info: Paul Collins 773-463-2288, info@dcff.net; www.dcff.net (8/15)

FALL FOLK DANCE CAMP in Oconomowoc - annual camp in September, at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI), 600 Lac La Belle Drive, Oconomowoc, WI. Local teachers, private rooms with bath, daytime teaching, parties at night. Sponsored by Lake Geneva Folk Dancers. Info: Dit Olshan 847-966-6888, dit321@aol.com or Jill Carlson 708-748-5108, angelajillcarlson@hotmail.com (10/15)

FOLKLORE VILLAGE FARM in Dodgeville, WI hosts weekend workshops and festivals in many kinds of dance. Info at 608-924-4000, www.folklorevillage.org (8/15)

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